

Minutes Friends of Salem Library July 8, 2018

The July 8, 2018 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, John Spruhan.

Attendance was seventeen.

The secretary read the minutes of the March meeting which were accepted as read.

The treasurer made the treasurer's report. We are under budget on most Library requests except an expenditure of \$350.00 to pay the band for the Dessert Truck Rodeo event. We are still having issues with current banks related to the change in treasurer and other matters. We need to appoint Ann Tripp as an authorized co-signer which will be handled by a motion under new business.

Ken summarized various items relating to income including using the Amazon Smiles program. Lydia Spruhan explained that you must sign up under Amazon Smiles and shop under Amazon Smiles which will give you the same access as regular Amazon. We are clearing about \$600.00 a month from the printer. Our closing cash balance is \$44,388.79 including the checking account and other parts of our funds. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There have been many Library events. David Butler shared information about some of them. One of these events was the Electronic Summer Camp. FOSL provided money for the parts used and the presenter came for free. David shared photos of the event and brought Thank You Notes from the participants who were very enthusiastic. There was a bowling event. 143 signed up for the teen summer programs which was double last year's numbers.

There was a successful astronomy event in June mostly attended by family groups. They were able to use the telescope FOSL bought for the Library. An event to view Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn will be held with the date TBA.

Emily Metrock reported that the Story Garden has been very well received. The Dessert Truck Rodeo was very popular. There were five vendors, a band, and about 1500 in attendance. 472 have signed up so far for the children's summer reading program. They are excited to have the money for charity plan again and their votes determine how much of the money each group receives. The groups this year are the Rescue Mission, Blue Ridge Literacy, and Mill Mountain Zoo. Between July 2017 and June 2018 more than 10,000 have participated in programs.

John Spruhan mentioned that the Big Lick Stamp Club has a display in the case and will have a program next Saturday.

The next newsletter will be mailed in late August with a deadline for input to Charlie Draper of August 17. There will be a color attachment included to speed up admission to the member sale for life members and members who have paid their dues before the newsletter goes out.

Ken Sosnowski, Book Sale Chairman, provided a handout related to the sale. He announced that the boy scouts will move books for us again on August 4. Ken will see to set up on August 5. Sorting will begin on Monday, August 6.

An art book has been recommended to place in the Library in honor and memory of Pam Ogden. Sara Ahalt spoke on Pam's work with the art books during sale prep and moved that we allocate funds (\$67.50 plus \$7.95) to purchase the book in Pam's memory. The motion was seconded and passed.

The plaque for recipients of the Helen Robertson Award with Helen's name engraved as the first recipient was displayed. We hope that Helen's husband will be able to join us for the luncheon in September to officially receive her award.

#### NEW BUSINESS

David Butler and Emily Metrock presented a list of Library needs with accompanying printed information which will be filed with the minutes. The process included questions which they answered and discussion among members present. The funds were allocated through one motion which will be covered at the end of the summary of requests.

There is a need for a new coin machine for the printer. The new coin machine will allow use of mobile devices which patrons have wanted. No actual printing will be done until the users are ready to pay for the printing. The version requested does not take credit cards which isn't necessary because a square reader can be used. The amount requested is \$3,055.39. This change will address a need mentioned at the March meeting.

\$750.00 is requested for the member luncheon.

\$150.00 is requested for plaque engraving and related matters.

Emily Metrock requested \$700.00 for a new program entitled "Read to Your Bump" which is designed for expectant families. The meetings will be one Saturday a month September through May with an expectation of five to ten families per meeting. Early literacy is a major goal along with helping families with literacy issues and building a relationship between these

families and the Library. Our funds will be used to provide a book for the parents and board books for the babies.

\$200.00 was requested for staff recognition gifts. Theresa Baga and Susan Houston are being recognized for the tremendous effort they put into the new children's garden.

Morris Reece moved we appropriate \$4,856.00 to fund the requests described above. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken Sosnowski made a motion addressing the co-signer need mentioned during the treasurer's report. "In order to provide continuity to our financial aspects, it is proposed that the Head Librarian (currently Ann Tripp) be authorized as a co-signer, along with the elected Treasurer, on all financial accounts of the Friends of Salem Library. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next meeting will be Sunday, October 14, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary